

Focus Group: Lower Merion High School Student Organizations

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Key Question

2. What should a Lower Merion School District Graduate look like? What are the skills, attitudes, and dispositions that we want for all students?

- A Lower Merion Graduate is someone who is confident, excited, and curious. They know what they like but are eager to learn more and discover new passions.
- You have at least the foundational knowledge to make informed decisions on life's circumstances
- It should mean being a well-rounded person who has all the skills to be able to compete and be successful in the modern world.
- To apply your skills in the real world. To be top in your class but are worried about perfect. Can't accept mistakes. Prepared or at least should be.
- To be able to think critically and understand the skills it means to be successful in our modern world.
- Confidence that you have been provided with knowledge that will help you succeed after high-school and be able to be more independent.
- Someone who understands what it is to be a successful and enterprising individual, while maintaining character, accountability, charisma, patience, and inner strength.
- Being an LM graduate means that you have been highly challenged and molded to succeed. A student that has been systematically taught to take in and spit out rather than truly embrace the excitement of learning.
- Someone who has a strong understanding of a variety of topics (of their choosing). Having experiences and skills that will be beneficial in future careers and higher education.
- To be privileged (and accept everything that comes with that).
- Feel confident to be able to go anywhere, be able to have options. Leave with an open mind.
- Every Lower Merion graduate should leave this school with the ability to take on any task and be able to handle it with confidence.
- Being successful, and leaving high school well educated. Being capable to push yourself past your own limits. Having character in the way you learn and act. Critically thinking, and having the necessary skills to success.
- A student that respects others. Takes responsibility for themselves and for their future. Is innovative, creative and excels in their passions.
- To be able to go back and help other grades, explain how you got to where you are.